

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 13, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nehez at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Nehez.

ROLL CALL was read by Tricia Ingrassia. The following were present: Mayor Nehez, Councilpersons Jim Daugherty, Jenn Domzalski, Alan Hipps, Renell Noack, and Gary Vojtush. In addition, Law Director Brad Bryan, Village Engineer Rich Wasosky, and Chief Wentz were present. Council President Magistrelli, Chief Buss, and Jason Walters were absent.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, AND REMONSTRANCES:

Barb Blankenship, a former Councilwoman, wanted to express how happy she is to see the Casino here. Ms. Blankenship said when she was on Council, she had lunch with Carl Milstein, and he talked about the possibility of a casino one day.

2016-25- An Emergency Resolution Confirming the Mayor / Director of Public Safety's Appointment of Nicholas Miltner as a Part-Time Police Officer. First reading. Motion to suspend the three reading rule made by Councilwoman Domzalski, seconded by Councilman Hipps, all in favor, zero opposed. Motion to pass made by Councilman Vojtush, seconded by Councilwoman Noack, all in favor, zero opposed. Chief Wentz swore in Officer Nicholas Miltner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2016 Regular Council Meeting made by Councilman Hipps, seconded by Councilwoman Domzalski. Minutes approved with Councilpersons Daugherty and Noack abstaining.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:

MAYOR JESSE J. NEHEZ-The Mayor reported he is working with the property owner across from Northfield Park, Joseph Greenberg, to permit a retail establishment to build at that location. The Village is waiting on the plans.

Councilman Vojtush asked the Mayor for an update on his meeting with Macedonia Mayor Migliorini. Mayor Nehez reported that Macedonia gave him a price for fire and EMS service of \$600,000 for man power only. The Village's present man power costs are \$530,000. Mayor Nehez stated he is planning to reject Macedonia's offer.

FINANCE DIRECTOR TRICIA INGRASSIA- Report attached.

ENGINEER RICHARD WASOSKY- Report attached.

Motion made by Councilman Daugherty, seconded by Councilman Vojtush, to authorize the Village Engineer to put the Ledge Road reconstruction Phase I project out to bid. All in favor, zero opposed. Motion approved.

LAW DIRECTOR BRADRIC BRYAN- No report.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Police Department, Chief Mark Wentz-No report.

Fire Chief, Jason Buss-No Report.

Service/Building Supervisor, Jason Walters-No report.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PLANNING COMMISSION, ALAN HIPPS- No report.

RECREATION BOARD, MAYOR NEHEZ- The Mayor would like Resolutions 2016-21 and 22 to go to another reading. At Council's request, the Mayor will put an ad in the paper for those interested in being appointed to the vacant positions on the Recreation Board.

CEMETERY BOARD, BEATRICE GREENLEE-No report.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

FINANCE, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MAGISTRELLI: No report.

Brad Bryan reported there will be a Finance Committee meeting on March 27 at 6:30 p.m.

ROADS/PUBLIC WORKS, COUNCILMAN DAUGHERTY:-No report.

HEALTH AND WELFARE, RENELL NOACK: -No report.

WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS, COUNCILMAN VOJTUSH:-No report.

FIRE AND SAFETY, COUNCILWOMAN DOMZALSKI:-No report.

Ms. Domzalski thanked Fire Chief Jason Buss for the two CPR certification classes he hosted.

The Fire Department is planning another class when school is out, possibly at the end of June.

Ms. Domzalski stated she will be approaching the band director at Nordonia. She is hoping he will help her recruit band leaders to attend the class.

Councilman Daugherty asked if there has been any more discussion about having a spaghetti dinner. Mayor Nehez stated Councilpersons Noack & Domzalski did discuss it. Councilwoman Domzalski stated she has talked to some ladies that have a lot of experience with this type of fundraiser, and she would like this to move forward. She would also like to have an ice cream social.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS, COUNCILMAN HIPPS:-No report.

LEGISLATION

2016-21 –An Emergency Resolution Confirming the Mayor's Appointment of Linda Bowen to the Recreation Board. Second reading. Read by title; no action.

2016-22 -An Emergency Resolution Confirming the Mayor's Appointment of Bea Greenlee to the Recreation Board. –Second reading. Read by title; no action.

2016-26 – An Emergency Resolution Authorizing Certain Amendments to the 2016 Appropriation and /or Transferring Items Already Appropriated in that Resolution. First reading. Motion to suspend the three reading

rule made by Councilman Vojtush, seconded by Councilman Hipps. All in favor, zero opposed. Motion to pass made by Councilwoman Noack, seconded by Councilman Vojtush. All in favor, zero opposed.

2016-27 –An Emergency Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Extend the Senior Center Lease Agreement Between the Village, Northfield Center Township, Sagamore Hills, and Epiphany Lutheran Church. First reading. Motion to suspend the three reading rule made by Councilman Vojtush, seconded by Councilwoman Domzalski. All in favor, zero opposed. Motion to pass made by Councilman Hipps, seconded by Councilwoman Domzalski. All in favor, zero opposed.

2016-28 –An Emergency Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of the Ledge Road Improvement Fund within the Village's Financial Records. First reading. Motion to suspend the three reading rule made by Councilman Vojtush, seconded by Councilman Hipps. All in favor, zero opposed. Motion to pass made by Councilwoman Noack, seconded by Councilman Hipps. All in favor, zero opposed.

2016-29 – An Emergency Ordinance Amending Section 648.04(e) of the Criminal Code Relating to the Degree of Offense for Disorderly Conduct. First reading. Motion to suspend the three reading rule made by Councilman Daugherty, seconded by Councilwoman Domzalski. All in favor, zero opposed. Motion to pass made by Councilman Vojtush, seconded by Councilman Daugherty. All in favor, zero opposed.

OLD BUSINESS; ANNOUNCEMENTS; NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Daugherty reported he has had a few more calls from residents complaining about the Summit Plaza property. The complaints were forwarded to Jason Walters, Jason advised he and Brad have been communicating with the Plaza people as to what maintenance items are being scheduled. Councilman Daugherty stated he does not know what to tell the residents. Mayor Nehez recommended him to talk with Brad after the Council meeting. Brad advised they have discussed the issue with the Plaza representatives, and they do have plans in the works. Councilman Daugherty asked the Mayor if the owner of Summit Plaza has called him like he said he would. Mayor Nehez advised no one has contacted him.

Mayor Nehez wanted to talk further about the proposals for a Fire District. Mayor Nehez reported the Northfield Village Fire Department is running fine, and we can pay for our own Department. Mayor Nehez and Council agreed that there is no need for the Village to join a Fire District. Councilwoman Domzalski stated it's not only about the money; it's about the safety of the residents. The residents are getting the best quality service from just Northfield Village. Councilman Daugherty stated every second counts, and our Fire Fighters and Paramedics know our residents and the area. Councilman Vojtush stated he is very happy Northfield is keeping its own Fire Department and wants to keep moving forward.

Mayor Nehez stated according to former Mayor Milani, at one time, Macedonia started charging the Village for mutual aid calls. Councilman Vojtush stated he remembers that. Mayor Nehez stated he is afraid we will get a lot of mutual aid calls and does not want it to interfere with the Village's calls.

Councilman Vojtush announced Saturday at the United Methodist Church he and his family are having a fundraiser for The Autism Society of Greater Akron. There will be twenty plus vendors, and a portion of their sales will go to the Autism Society. Everything needed will be donated by his son's walk team Andrew's Heros. Chick-fil-A also has a date where a portion of its sales will go to Andrew's Heros.

ADJOURNMENT -Motion to adjourn made by Councilwoman Domzalski, seconded by Councilman Vojtush. All in favor, zero opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tricia Ingrassia, Clerk of Council